

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on January 15, 2013, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Paula D. Dwyer.

Commissioner Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for January 3, 2013, through January 15, 2013
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Application(s) for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes
Clair Ramon & Jolee Woodbury, S/N H-3-2-3-2412; Ernesto & Maria Medina, S/N SG-SVE-1-9
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Robert & Deborah Martinez, S/N SG-SUR-15-982; and Dennis Wright, S/N H-QMS-7
- Consideration of Ratification of Abatement Summary for 2012
- Consideration of Ratification of 2012 Blind and Veterans Personal Property Exemptions (attached)
- Consideration of Disposal of Seized Firearms by Washington County Sheriff's Office (attached)
- Consideration of Items to be Declared as Surplus Inventory / Emergency Services (attached)

Actions of the Washington County Planning Commission Meeting / 01-08-13

Plat Amendment: Waive development standards on a plat amendment for Lonnie Truman Subdivision Amended, to add a cul-de-sac to access two (2) new lots, one (1) flag lot, and revise Lot 1, Section 15, T39S R15W, SLBM, generally located along Sage Road in Pine Valley. Lonnie and Delmont Truman, applicants / Shawn w/Rosenberg Associates, agent.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Consent Agenda with the Exception of the Plat Amendment for the Lonnie Truman Subdivision, which shall be considered on the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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Washington County Planner Deon Goheen said that the Planning Commission left the final decision on waiving the development standards (curb, gutter, and sidewalk) for this plat amendment up to the County Commission. Commissioner Gardner said that to require those standards does not make sense, in that there is no curb and gutter anywhere else in the area.

Commissioner Drake asked about the drainage, and Ms. Goheen said that a drain field is included in the plat and some of the easements along the cul-de-sac have been changed.

Applicant Lonnie Truman wanted to clarify that no asphalt is required, either.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Waive Developments Standards on a Plat Amendment for Lonnie Truman Subdivision Amended, to add a cul-de-sac to access two (2) new lots, one (1) flag lot, and revise Lot 1, Section 15, T39S R15W, SLBM, generally located along Sage Road in Pine Valley. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: CORY PULSIPHER, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Cory Pulsipher said that the recap of Search and Rescue (SAR) call-outs for 2012 is as follows:

- Forty-seven (47) call-outs
- Seventy-two (72) members responded
- One thousand three hundred and thirty-nine (1,339) donated man-hours

- There are seventy-two (72) currently active members
- In addition to these hours are many training hours (dive team, high-angle team, ground team, swift-water team)
- Without these different teams, the County would not be able to sponsor various sporting events, including triathlons

The Commission asked Sheriff Pulsipher to convey its deep appreciation to the Search and Rescue members for the generous work done by these volunteers.

PURCHASE REQUESTS: MARK BLANCH

Dixie Center, Condensing unit	\$ 67,547.30
Recorder's Office, Geocortex educational supplies	\$ 19,550.00
Sheriff's Office, Computer software and hardware	\$15,184.40

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Purchase Requests, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1693, A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LAND USE AUTHORITY/PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1693, A Resolution to Re-Appoint Dave Everett and Debora Christopher as Members of The Land Use Authority/Planning Commission and Julie Cropper as an Alternate. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1694, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF DEED AND AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIRIAM F. BELMONT AS TRUSTEE OF THE FAMILY TRUST UNDER THE EDWIN M. BELMONT AND MIRIAM F. BELMONT 1974 TRUST AND WASHINGTON COUNTY REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A PARTIAL SUBDIVISION LOT

Administrator Dean Cox clarified that this lot is in the City of Washington on 300 East. There is a small piece of land (approximately 8,000 sq. ft.) which belongs to the County

and is landlocked near an existing trailer park. The trailer park has expressed an interest in acquiring the land, and the land has very little value to anyone else.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1694, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of Deed And An Agreement Between Miriam F. Belmont As Trustee Of The Family Trust Under The Edwin M. Belmont And Miriam F. Belmont 1974 Trust And Washington County Regarding The Transfer Of Ownership Of A Partial Subdivision Lot. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1695, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS, WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ST. GEORGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FRAUDULENT IDENTITY AND SECURITY THREATS UNIT

Sheriff Pulsipher said that this group is already in existence, as part of the Drug Task Force. The Gang Unit split off from the Drug Task Force and is working with Homeland Security Investigations (HIS) on gang and immigration issues throughout the County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1695, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of A Memorandum Of Understanding Between U.S. Department Of Homeland Security Investigations, Washington County Attorney's Office, St. George Police Department, And Washington County Sheriff's Office Providing For Participation In The Fraudulent Identity And Security Threats Unit. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO WASHINGTON COUNTY POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL: SECTION X, DISPUTE RESOLUTION

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Revision to Washington County Policy & Procedures Manual, Section X, Dispute Resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gardner reported on the American Lands Council Meeting he attended earlier this month, along with representatives from many other western states. The purpose of the group is to restore control over public lands to the states, rather than the federal government. A committee is being formed in Utah to give direction to the Legislature on how to proceed with this important issue.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

No items were presented today.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS: Report of Actions Taken by Washington County Land Use Authority on January 8, 2013:

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension for the half "Ironman" St. George Triathlon to take place in Washington County on May 4, 2013; Jeff Gardner, agent.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review permission for the Utah Summer Games Triathlon to be held on June 6-30, 2013. The event will begin at Gunlock Reservoir and end at the Snow Canyon High School, traveling on County Road Old Highway 91; Jeff Gardner, applicant.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Request permission to operate an Ag Business on the J & J Guest Ranch for a petting zoo, fishing pond, group parties, and weddings on 58 acres within the A-20 zone near New Harmony; Kendall Prisbrey, applicant.

Conditional Use Permit: Request permission for a cemetery plot to be located on a lot within the PD zone, Staples Planned Development, generally located north of Virgin; Mike Staples, applicant.

Washington County Planner Deon Goheen said that the half Ironman Triathlon and the conditional use permit for the cemetery plot near Virgin were unanimously approved by the Planning Commission, while the conditional use permit extensions for the Utah Summer Games Triathlon and the petting zoo near New Harmony were tabled pending further review.

Chairman Eardley recognized Ms. Goheen for her invaluable service in her twenty-five (25) years of County employment and thirty-four (34) years total employment in the planning and zoning field. She will be greatly missed, and the Commissioners wished her well.

Request A Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

PAULA D. DWYER
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN